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SUBJECT:WIPO MEETING ON REVISION OF PARIS CONVENTION

1. THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO), WHICH IS THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE PARIS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION, WILL HOLD A MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS IN GENEVA (FEBRUARY 11-17, 1975) TO STUDY THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE REVISION OF THIS CONVENTION, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT BY THE US COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS TO HEADS OF PATENT OFFICES IN SIXTEEN (16) FREE MARKET, INCLUDING FRANCE, ECONOMY COUNTRIES ASKING FOR THEIR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FRENCH PATENT OFFICE WAS RETURNED TO THE US PATENT OFFICE WITH THE NOTATION, "SERVICE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED." WE UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR THIS IS THE FRENCH POSTAL STRIKE.

3. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE TEXT OF THIS LETTER, WHICH FOLLOWS BELOW, TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FRENCH PATENT OFFICE ASAP AND EXPLAIN WHY IT IS BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNICATED IN THIS MANNER:

OCTOBER 31, 1974

MR. FRANCOIS SAVIGNON
DIRECTOR
PATENT OFFICE
26BIS, RUE DE LENINGRAD
75800 PARIS
FRANCE

DEAR MR. SAVIGNON:

AS YOU KNOW, THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE DECIDED, AT ITS SEPTEMBER 1974 MEETING, TO CREATE AND CONVENE AN AD HOC GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS "TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION OF REVISING THE PARIS CONVENTION INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." (DOCUMENT AB/V/12, PARAGRAPH 102). THIS GROUP WILL HAVE ITS FIRST MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11-17, 1975.

AT INFORMAL MEETINGS OF INDUSTRIALIZED, FREE MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES DURING THE SEPTEMBER MEETINGS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HOST AN INFORMAL CAUCUS OF SUCH COUNTRIES ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975, AT THE U.S. MISSION IN GENEVA, TO COORDINATE VIEWS FOR THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS BEGINNING THE NEXT DAY. IN PREPARATION FOR THE INFORMAL CAUCUS AND THE AD HOC MEETING, THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ASKING PARTICIPANTS OF THE INFORMAL CAUCUS FOR THEIR VIEWS ON WHAT PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, POSSIBLY IN THE FORM OF A PROTOCOL, MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE PARIS CONVENTION.

DETAILED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ARE NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME AND YOU MAY WISH TO FORWARD YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THE FORM OF A LIST OF POINTS WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE INFORMAL MEETING. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS BY DECEMBER 1, 1974. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THEIR PREPARATION, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY BE REGARDED

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AS PRELIMINARY AND NOT AS FIRM VIEWS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

AFTER RECEIVING THE RESPONSES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES, WE WILL CONSOLIDATE THEM INTO A LIST REFLECTING ALL THE SUGGESTIONS, WHICH WOULD THEN FORM THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS AT THE INFORMAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE THIS LIST IN YOUR HANDS SHORTLY AFTER JANUARY 1, 1975.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE PATENT OFFICE APPRECIATE
YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER. I WILL BE IN TOUCH
WITH YOU AGAIN REGARDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT
THE INFORMAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975. FOR PLANNING
PURPOSES, I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING ME KNOW
WHETHER YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

SINCERELY,

C. MARSHALL DANN
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

4. THE DEPARTMENT AND PATENT OFFICE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT THE TEXT OF THE LETTER HAS
BEEN DELIVERED. INGERSOLL

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